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Mavericks claw back for victory over Central Missouri Saturday

MICHELLE BISHOP PHOTO EDITOR

WARRENSBURG, Mo. - Don't count the Mays out just quite yet.

UNO overcame two 12-point deficits, once in each half, to beat No. 18 Central Missouri 38-33 Saturday in front of 10,800 fans on homecoming at Walton Stadium.

Senior quarterback Zach Miller's 43-yard touchdown run with 52 seconds left capped UNO's comeback as the Mavs (5-3, 4-3 MIAA) shocked the Mules (6-3, 4-3 MIAA) and kept their chances at a Division II playoff berth alive.

"It was huge," Miller said. "It's as big as it can get at this point in the season because we got to win out."

Down 33-28 late in the fourth, the UNO defense made a key stop on a fourth-and-one inside the UNO 20 yard line. The Mav offense then strung together a 12-play drive, but was forced to settle for a 28-yard field goal by Greg Zuerlein to put them within 33-31.

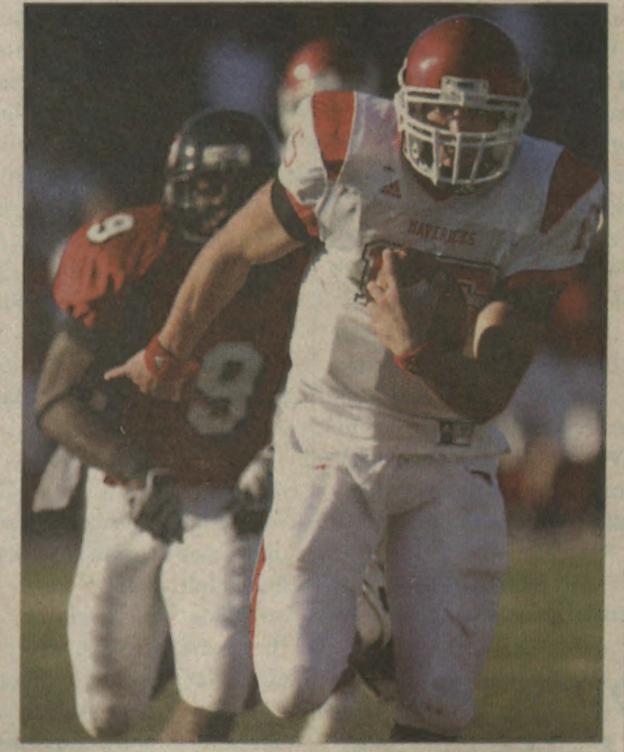
With only 3:31 left, the UNO defense came up big again by forcing the Mules to punt after a three-and-out.

The Mavs got the ball at the UNO 22 with 2:19 remaining. UNO's two-minute offense clicked as Miller busted through the Mules' defense and dived into the end zone with a defender on his heels, just hooking the ball around the pylon for the touchdown and the 38-33 lead.

"It opened up and I just had to make a couple people miss," Miller said. "I started getting tired about the ten, but I just had to get in the end zone and do it any way possible."

The final 48 seconds couldn't tick away fast enough as the Mules drove to the UNO 31 yard line before stopping the clock with five seconds left.

Two missed extra point attempts earlier in the game



Quarterback Zach Miller breaks free for a 43-yard touchdown run with 52 seconds left in the fourth quarter of Saturday's 38-33 win over No. 18 Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

forced the Mules to go for the touchdown instead of a game-tying field goal. On the last play of the game, Central Missouri quarterback Eric Czerniewski scrambled, launching the ball near the end zone and into the hands of Maverick junior Steve Janda as time ran out.

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Health care discussion looks | Restructuring continues at Hagel's, Kerrey's proposals

MARK PATEL STAFF WRITER

Retiring Sen. Chuck Hagel, a Republican, and former Sen. Bob Kerrey, a Democrat, were the central figures in a forum on healthcare held Oct. 9 at UNL's Kimball Hall.

A recording of the event was played in the sparsely filled College of Public Affairs and Community Service commons area. It was part of the inaugural Saturday Morning Coffee, Tea and Policy event, Afterwards, UNO sociology professor Boyd Littrell led a discussion.

The morning gatherings are sponsored by Democracy Matters, a student organization supported by UNO's Lifelong Learning Initiative, which involves local senior citizens in classes to discover opportunities and connect with people.

Participants watched as Kerrey recognized the rising cost of health care and the urgent need for reform. He acknowledged the fact that insurance premiums are increasing at a blazing speed: 78 percent in the last eight years. He compared this to inflation, which rose 17 percent during the same period.

Hagel emphasized the need for a comprehensive solution to all three major government entitlement programs: Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

"Unfortunately, all three are on trajectories that cannot be sustained," Hagel said in a statement before the forum.

Both speakers said they understood the hesitancy of politicians to face the health care problem with a tangible solution. At the same time, they had distinct approaches to dealing with uninsured citizens.

Hagel proposed a federal health care board. This institution would guide the transformation of the nation's health care system and establish a national standard for a basic health plan. He said the board should be created based on the recommendations of a commission of experts.

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for Student Government

BRIAN MOODY STAFF WRITER

The administrative changes in Student Government continued Thursday night, with the Student Senate approving a new vice president while accepting the resignation of their legislative and public relations officer.

Senators confirmed Engineering Sen. Jared Davis's appointment as vice president. Davis replaces Buey Tut, who resigned Oct. 9 citing time constraints and interests unrelated to Student Government.

President/Regent Lucas Seiler said Davis was a good choice for vice president considering his work as a senator.

"He's been involved here on campus," Seiler said during the meeting. "He was in Student Government last year as part of the Rules Committee."

Bethany Ragan resigned Wednesday from her duties as legislative and public relations officer. Davis will assume Ragan's role until a replacement is found. Ragan could not be reached for comment on Sunday evening.

Davis said time is not a concern because he has done some adjusting between vice president, academics and resident assistant duties. He said assisting senators and listening to constituents' concerns ranks high on his list.

"I just want to get everybody jumpstarted and running long," Davis said during the meeting. "I want to help [Seiler] finish out his term as strong as he's been this whole year. He's done a great job."

Davis said seeing legislation through from start to finish is important to him. Legislation is sometimes overshadowed by new policies, resulting old legislation

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FBI agent provides valuable information on how to combat, prevent identity theft

JAMIE BELL STAFF WRITER

An FBI special agent came to UNO last week to conduct a seminar about the ever-growing problem of identity theft, which affects millions of Americans each year.

For the past seven years, identity theft has topped the Federal Trade Commission's annual list of consumer complaints. And the issue continues to grow with people's increased reliance on computers and computer-based systems.

The FBI agent, Robert J. Georgi, is a specialist in cyber crime. He estimated that 45,000 identities are stolen in the Omaha area each year.

Thieves are able to get a victim's information quite easily, Georgi said at a forum in the Milo Bail Student Center's Nebraska Room on Oct. 23. Thieves can resort to methods such as dumpster diving in order to find bank records or voided checks.

Another practice called skimming, Georgi said, involves the thief writing down the victim's credit card number or using a device to scan it.

Online, thieves can hack into computers or they can go phishing. This involves putting up a Web site that's identical to another one, such as a bank's Web site. Thieves use this identical site to trick victims into giving out personal information, such as account numbers.

Identity theft through the use of hacking and the Internet is the biggest problem, Georgi said. Students are often prime targets for this crime.

"I don't have any statistics to back it up," Georgi said, "but active computer users are the biggest targets of identity theft; and those are usually the under 30 set. Every college student has a computer."

When asked what would be the best solution to solving the problem of identity theft, Georgi said jokingly, "Ban all computers. You'd make my job so much easier."

Besides identity theft through computers, a major portion of the seminar focused on ATM theft.

Thieves insert X-ray film with slits in it into ATM slots. The film catches the victim's card, Georgi said. Then, the thief pretends to help the victim get the card back, while looking over the victim's shoulder to memorize the PIN. If victim gives up and leaves thinking the ATM ate the card, the thief pulls out the x-ray film with the stolen card and walks off with full access to the person's bank account.

Once thieves have your information, they can sell it to other thieves. A social security number would fetch about \$5, Georgi said. An ATM card and PIN could earn a thief up to \$100.

It's what they do with that information, Georgi said, that's the real problem.

Georgi said the three most important steps to saving yourself from identity theft is to "deter, detect and defend." He said every household should own a paper shredder to properly dispose of documents.

"You just have to be careful," Georgi said. "You always have to operate from the belief that you're not safe."

Georgi warned everyone to be cautious about phone and e-mail scams. He said we should not trust anyone who asks for personal information, money or a social security number. He frequently sees people who are victims of false sweepstakes or prizes.

Georgi gave a common example of scammers calling potential victims and telling them they've won the Canadian lottery. Thieves ask for \$4,000 to cover taxes on the winnings. Thieves say that once they receive the money, they'll send the "winners" \$55 million.

"I get about six of those every week on my desk here," Georgi said.

Credit card companies sometimes reimburse victims for the money they lost, Georgi said. However, even if victims are paid back, their credit scores can be severely damaged. Bad credit can impact people for decades.

UNO sophomore Alex West, who attended the seminar, said it was helpful to know exactly how thieves go about

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address eating disorder issues

KIRBY KAUFMAN SENIOR STAFF WRITER

An estimated 15 percent of U.S. college students have eating disorders, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. So chances are, most of us know someone with an eating disorder.

There's more to eating disorders than just the infamous anorexia, or lack of interest in food, and bulimia, or binge eating followed by purging. Students can learn more about the truths, dangers and myths about various eating disorders, as well as over-exercising, at an event called "Dying to be Thin" in the student center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 4.

Those speaking at the event are Rachel Tomlinson Dick, Laurie Welch, Martina Running, WRC Director Lori Young and Karen Falconer Al-Hindi. They will be sharing their personal experiences with the disorders.

The event, which will be held in the student center's Nebraska Room, is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center. Other organizations will provide additional information, including Children's Hospital's eating disorder program, OMNI Behavioral Health, UNO Student Health Services and representatives from the UNL Counseling Center.

Children's Hospital has one of the best programs for eating disorders, Young said. She said she believes eating disorders are a really big problem on campus.

Informing people about these disorders is the first step to helping people, Young said. The Women's Resource Center's goal is to make students realize eating disorders are present on campus. Many students and faculty members think about it daily, she said.

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Students protest using regalia for Halloween

MARK PATEL STAFF WRITER

On a sunny and cool day, there was an unusual addition to the pumpkins and bright advertisements at the Nobbies at 120th Street and West Center Road.

A few members of Inter-Tribal Student Council, joined by several community members, were holding protest signs near the store's entrance to condemn the selling of American Indian regalia as Halloween costumes.

"We are here to protest the selling of Indian costumes because we see it as a mockery to our culture," said Michael Leading Horse, a UNO student who was protesting.

This was the second protest in the last few weeks, and so far it has been encouraging to see the amount of support for the cause, said Jessica Balralt, president of the council and a member of the Omaha tribe.

"There were a ton of people honking their horns, showing their support," Balralt said.

Nobbies has not acknowledged any protests and has not taken any action to stop the selling of Indian costumes, protest organizers said.

The signs were improvised on-site. Children even held signs. One said: "Here's the beef: Your costume hurts my feelings." Another one read: "We're not costumes, we're people."

Nobbies' American Indian costumes include short leatherlike skirts and feathered headdresses.

"Sometimes feathers are given to recognize good works performed in the community," Balralt said. "It's offensive because people use it just as a costume."

The historical mistreatment of American Indians by white settlers, and the continued "cultural genocide" that has occurred since then, has distorted Indian culture in the eyes of natives and whites, Balart said.

In comparison to other points in American history, "people don't know anything about the cultural genocide SEE PROTEST: PAGE 8

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Foodas a weapon: WRC event to UNO Bell Tower Challenge raises food for the needy

KIRBY KAUFMAN SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Rain drifted down from the sky as UNO's chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma held its annual Bell Tower Challenge. Even though the competition was under not able to contribute to the event were

the weather, the only thing that precipitated from the event was food for those in need.

The national professional health education honorary fraternity has held the event for 14 years. The contest took place at the Henningson Memorial Campanile. Teams of three raced to stack canned goods as the campanile struck noon. All food was donated to the Omaha Food Bank.

The event raised 2,740 pounds of food, brining the running total to 42,165 pounds. Cash donations to the Omaha Food Bank totaled \$40.

Teams competed for several awards. The competition was broken down into two divisions: students and faculty/staff.

This year's winners in the student division were Air Force ROTC for most cans stacked, Maverick Athletic Training for most enthusiastic and Campus Recreation Advisory Board for most creative.

In the faculty/staff division, Faculty Senate won most cans stacked and University Relations won

both most creative and most enthusiastic. The judges presiding over the event

were Nancy Lee from the Omaha Food Bank, Jim Adams from UNO Television and Shandy Ramet, president of Eta Sigma Gamma.

"The Food Bank staff is working hard to provide additional food to the pantries and meal sites it serves in these tough economic times," said David E. Corbin,

faculty sponsor of Eta Sigma Gamma. "Demand is starting to outstrip supply as more families need assistance."

Teams that donated at least 100 cans of food received a special certificate. People



Participants stack cans at the Bell Tower Challenge last week. (KIRBY KAUFMAN/THE GATEWAY)

encouraged to donate \$100, 100 quarters or 100 cans of food.

This year, the Bell Tower Challenge promoted UNO's "100 for 100" campaign to celebrate the centennial. The Campus Recreation Advisory Board replicated a display of the UNO Centennial emblem. University Relations' Durango Store impressed the judges with paraphernalia from 1908.

CRIME LOG

COMPILED BY SCOTT STEWART EDITOR IN CHIEF

Wednesday, Oct. 22

5:22 p.m. A student reported theft of personal property from his vehicle parked in Lot J. The incident occurred between Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 9 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 5:22 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 23

5:54 a.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from their vehicle while parked in Lot J. The theft occurred between Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 11 p.m. and Wednesday, Oct. 22, at 9 a.m.

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CULTURE

Catching up with The Academy Is...



ANDREA BARBE
CULTURE EDITOR

Just a few months ago, indie rock group The Academy Is... lit up Sokol Auditorium with their catchy tunes and clever lyrics. Now the band returns to Omaha tonight as headliners in celebration of their new album, "Fast Times at Barrington High."

Bassist Adam Siska sat down with The Gateway to talk about his musical transformation, the Chicago music scene and where it all goes from here. For a complete copy of the interview, visit The Gateway's Web site at unogateway.com.

How did you and the rest of The Academy Is... meet and decide to form a band?

I think it's the American dream to get a guitar and be in a band and travel around the world.

I met William [Beckett], our singer, when I was in the eighth grade. He moved from another town nearby and starting playing drums in another band with my older brother. We immediately clicked and shared a mutual love for music. We had tried to start a band together for like three years and nothing really happened because we couldn't find anyone in our town that was as excited about the music or wanted to work as hard for it like we did.

There was another band from a few towns over that broke up and they knew we liked their guitar player. We approached Mike Carden outside a local show. We started to ask how he felt about it and if he'd check it out.

We started up the band with Mike Carden as our guitar player. The three of us started up. Throughout the next couple of years, we found our other guitar player and our drummer playing in other bands.

I remember the first time we saw both of them play. We knew we wanted them because they were the best. That's why we kind of got started and we're really happy we found all these guys. We're like this big, happy music family.

You've also played on the Warped Tour a handful of times. What's that like in comparison to a normal touring show?

The Warped Tour's pretty crazy. It's really hot and you have to stand in line for like an hour every day just to get food. You only play for like 30 minutes a day and you never know when you're playing. Sometimes it's late at night and other times it's first thing in the morning.

It's all summer long and it gets pretty crazy.

I mean, the Warped Tour's fun. It's like a traveling circus. There are always a lot of characters on the tour – a lot of crazy people.

It's a fun thing to do for a couple months. Get out with other bands and play music for people that really care about it.

How does your new album, "Fast Times at Barrington High," differ from your last two?

I think this album is something very different from the last. We're still a very young band and we're still learning a lot about songwriting and other things that go into making a band. I think the new record is a natural progression.

That's part of the fun for us is to throw people through a little bit of a curve ball and change up the sound a bit. It's a fun way for us to keep our sound fresh.

What's your favorite song on the new album?

I think my favorite is called "After the Last Midtown Show," and it's kind of the slow jam later on the record. It's a song we wrote one afternoon while writing in Los Angeles.

It all came together really fast. I tend to find that the songs I like the best are the ones that come together in an hour or so.

What's the weirdest thing that's happened to you while on tour?

I fell off the stage once. We were playing at the Metro in Chicago and my whole family was there. They were rooting for me and proud of me and then I fell off stage.

I was really embarrassed and I think I hid backstage after the show. I didn't want to look at anyone. Actually, William made fun of me for it, and a couple years later, he fell off the stage. So he kind of got what he had coming on that one.

What can fans expect next from The Academy Is...?

This tour winds down Nov. 21. We're going to take a little bit of time off for Thanksgiving. I know we're going to be flying around in December playing for radio shows in select cities.

In the new year, we're going to be out on tour again. If we're not touring, we're always in the studio working on making another record.

To our fans that come out to see us, feel free to bring us some candy. That's always exciting. We love candy.

The Academy Is... performs a 7 p.m. show tonight at Sokol Auditorium with bands We the Kings, Carolina Liar and Hey Monday. Tickets are \$17.50 and are available through ticketmaster.com or by calling 422-1212.

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Student musicians to perform costumed 'Hauntcert' show

JAMIE BELL STAFF WRITER

Most orchestra concerts conjure up thoughts of dressy clothing, classical music and people calmly sitting in their seats enjoying the music on stage.

The Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra and the UNO Chamber Orchestra are joining forces to flip this stereotype on its head with the campus' annual "Hauntcert" on Oct. 30. Far from an average show, the concert "will feature an exciting program of spooky music and guests," Christopher Stanichar said in a press release. Stanichar is the director of orchestral activities at UNO and will be conducting the concert.

The Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra is a full-size student and community orchestra, while the UNO Chamber Orchestra is a small selective student ensemble. Although the Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra involves experienced musicians in the community, it is increasingly becoming a student-dominated orchestra.

"It is important to let the students have a chance to shine and experience the classics," Stanichar said in an earlier interview with The Gateway.

The unconventional part of the evening is that members of both orchestras will be performing in Halloween costumes. Audience members are encouraged to wear costumes, as well.

"I've never gotten to dress up like this for a concert," said UNO freshman Paige Garcia, a double bass major and member of the Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. "I heard that last year one person just came in shorts and a T-shirt and said they were a gym teacher. Clever, I thought."

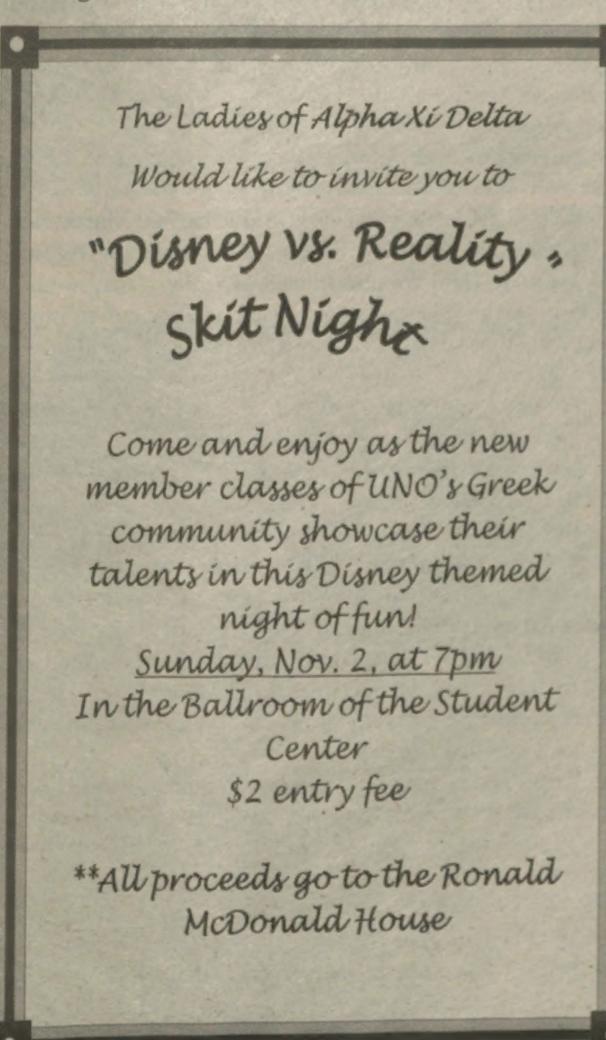
Garcia is planning to attend the concert dressed as Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz" with three other bass players portraying the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Gowardly Lion.

"You can expect some very interesting costumes and a more relaxed concert atmosphere," said Sara Renner, a UNO oboe player who has played for five years in both orchestras.

The music selection mirrors the laid back atmosphere.

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Mavericks off to a strong start after series against Mercyhurst

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Maverick hockey team is off to its strongest start in four years following a series sweep of Mercyhurst at the Qwest Center last weekend, a victorious Mutual of Omaha Stampede the weekend before and an easy victory over Manitoba at the start of the season.

Friday's game against Mercyhurst saw a quick goal just two minutes into the game to establish a Maverick lead the Lakers couldn't overcome, resulting in a 3-2 UNO victory. Saturday saw a record-setting series of three rapid-succession goals to set up a 5-2 trouncing of the Lakers to finish the weekend.

Freshman forward Alex Hudson was the clear star of Friday night's contest, stepping up to earn his first two career goals.

"The way I see it, if you're going to play, you might as well play at your best," Hudson said. "There's no reason to settle for mediocrity. I feel like we have a great team and we deserve to have success."

Hudson scored his first goal at the 2:21 mark off a pass from fellow freshman forward John Kemp to beat Lakers' goaltender Matt Lundin.

UNO scored again with a short-handed goal at the 8:01 mark off an effort by sophomore forward Matt Ambroz off a wall pass from sophomore defenseman Pasko Skarica. Ambroz's shot beat Lundin over his shoulder to move to a 2-0 Maverick lead.

A quick goal off a loose puck in front of the net by Mercyhurst forward Ryan Toomey past Maverick goaltender Jeremie Dupont at the 16:09 mark of the first period led to an anxious and scoreless second period.

Hudson, however, returned to lead the Mavericks with an insurance goal in the third period at the 14:33 mark off a pass from Kemp and sophomore forward Joey Martin.

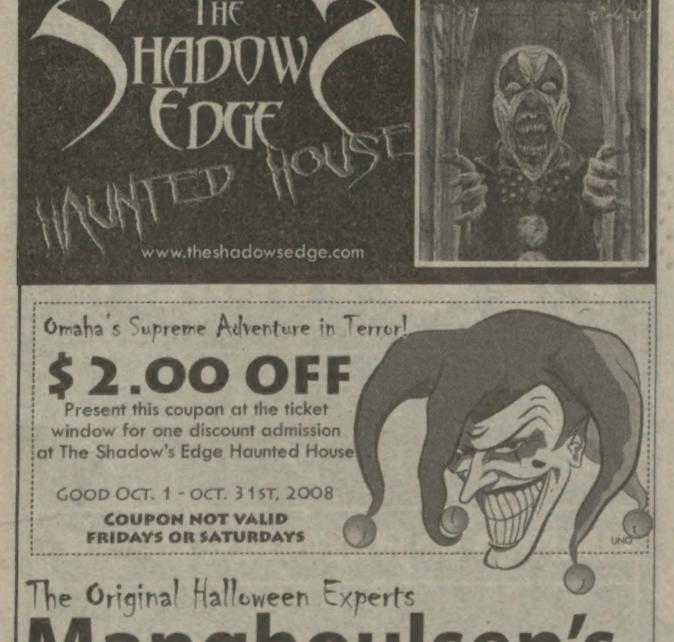
With 22 saves from Dupont and a 41-23 shooting advantage, including a 17-7 edge in the third period, the Mavericks kept the Lakers at bay going into Saturday night.

Coach Mike Kemp said, after Hudson's performance Friday, he expects Hudson to be a player that other teams are going to know.

"Alex is a young kid who showed tonight the kind of potential that he has," Kemp said. "He's strong, physically strong. He's got deceptive speed. He's got a really quick release. He's your prototypical power forward. I really have high hopes for him. My expectation is that he plays like that on a nightly basis."

Saturday found Mercyhurst frustrated, having dropped their first five games of the season with losses to St. Cloud State, Alaska Fairbanks and Alaska Anchorage.

UNO brought the aggression early again, with a record-



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breaking three goals in a 2:03 span in the first period. The previous record, three goals in 2:31, had been set in the 2003-04 season against Alaska Fairbanks with goals from Dan Hacker, Kaleb Betts and Scott Parse.



The scoring started with a goal by Ambroz at the 5:43 mark on a power play with assists from Martin and Hudson. Freshman Jordan Willert put the second goal at the 6:50 mark with help from Nick Fanto and Eddie DelGrosso. Jeric Agosta scored the third at the 7:46 mark with assists from Kyle Ensign and Tomas Klempa.

"We all wanted to have a good start tonight, which we did. Coach said we have to come off the blocks and have a good first, try to get ahead and get that first goal," Agosta said. "I think we got a couple of good bounces that showed for goals."

Klempa extended the lead to 4-0 UNO at the 10:52 mark in the first, beating Mercyhurst goaltender Max Strang. Strang allowed five goals overall with 22 saves, before being injured in the third period and replaced by Ryan Zapolski.

The Lakers did not go to the locker room empty handed in the first period, though. Mercyhurst scored with under two minutes left with a short-handed goal by Dan Bremner that beat UNO goaltender Jerad Kaufmann.

The second period saw a fifth Maverick goal by senior Dan Charleston, who chipped a rebound from Rich Purslow over Strang to make it 5-1. The Lakers answered again just before the second intermission, with a goal by Steve Cameron at the 19:20 mark.

As frustration mounted in the third period, the physicality of the game boiled over.

After the game, Kemp attributed the meltdowns to tiredness and frustration on the part of the Mercyhurst players, who had been traveling without a victory since their exhibition against Royal Military College on Oct. 5.

At the 7:14 mark, four players were booked for roughing after the whistle as a fight started among Mercyhurst's Kevin Nobel and Bobby Phillips and UNO's Martin and Hudson. Mercyhurst's Jesse Echternach was also booked for the cross checking foul that precipitated the fight.

Moments later, at the 7:44 mark, Mercyhurst's Cullen Eddy was also booked for cross checking and the Mavericks were given a double power play as Zapolski took over as the Lakers' goaltender for an injured Strang.

The Laker's triangle defense held strong for about a minute, until Klempa was called for holding and reduced UNO's advantage to one man. Tempers flared again at the 10:56 mark, with UNO's Skarica and Mercyhurst's Eddy being booked for unsportsmanlike conduct after the whistle.

At the 12:37 mark, the violence continued when UNO's Alain Goulet was given a hard five for checking from behind and sent off the ice with a game misconduct. Klempa was also called for charging the goaltender at the 13:36 mark, giving the Lakers their own double power play.

Mercyhurst, however, could not capitalize on the lastminute opportunities, as Kaufman made save after save to keep the Mavs ahead by three.

"We took a couple of penalties that we probably don't



Top - Alex Hudson cuts to the front of the net as Mercyhurst College's Kirk Medernach (left) and goalie Matt Lundin defend during Friday's game.

Left - Jeremie Dupont makes a save as Nick Von Bokern defends during Friday night's game against Mercyhurst College. Bottom - Matt Ambroz (left) looks to poke the puck past Mercyhurst College goalie Matt Lundin as Dan Charleston looks on from behind Lundin during Friday's game.

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want to take the rest of the season," Kaufman said. "[Penalty killing] was unbelievable. We were blocking shots, icing pucks and guys were limited their changes, so our [penalty killing] has been doing great, so we just got to keep that going."

Kaufman had 27 saves on the night, including 12 in the third period. The Mavericks led the Central Collegiate Hockey Association in overall penalty kills, with a perfect 22 for 22 record so far this season, including the short-handed goal on Friday.

The Mavs also lead the CCHA along with Alaska Fairbanks in goals allowed by period, allowing none so far this season in the third period and only five so far overall.

Kemp said he was pleased with the victories but that his team still shows signs of youthful inexperience.

"We got to the point where we could come out and dominate early going in the game, so we got out to quick leads in both nights," Kemp said. "I think our youth and inexperience show that we got comfortable, so our level of intensity dropped, and in this game, no matter who you're playing, if your intensity level drops, you allow teams to have an opportunity to come and get back in the game."

Although the team is young, it is not without talent, Kemp said.

"Last night, it was great to have Hudson and Martin step up," Kemp said Saturday. "Tonight, I thought the Agosta, Klempa and [Dan] Swanson line was really – they were a handful tonight. They were so quick and they put so much pressure on them that, when they were on the ice, good things were happening."

The youthful flexibility of the team, with different players stepping up in different games, adds an element that makes this year's Maverick squad hard to predict – which can be an asset to UNO's game.

"It's really nice when you have different people step out at different times," Kemp said. "Every night we're going to need someone to step up," Kemp said. "If it's scattered, it makes a team much more difficult to defend."

UNO starts CCHA conference play this weekend on the road against Bowling Green in Bowling Green, Ohio. The next week, the Mavs will take on Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Kemp said he looks forward to seeing how his team does on the road this season. Last year in CCHA play, the Mavs went 7-7-0 on the road and only 4-6-4 at home. Overall, UNO went 9-10-0 on the road and 8-9-4 at home last season.

"Last year, we were very good on the road," Kemp said.
"We were better on the road than we were at home. Now this will be a test to see whether we can carry that into this year."

Photo Editor Michelle Bishop contributed to this report.







FROM FOOTBALL: PAGE 1

"I was looking at the quarterback's eyes and I saw him looking at No. 4 [Adam Parks] coming down the hash," Janda said. "I saw him throw it and I got excited, so I just ran up and got it."

The win slid UNO into a three-way tie for third in the MIAA with Central Missouri and Washburn. In regional rankings, Central Missouri was fifth in the region and Washburn 10th, but both teams lost Saturday, as well as No. 7 Tarleton State and No. 8 Midwestern State. UNO's win may be enough to keep their hopes alive and slip them into the next rankings.

"We've been waiting for this one," Janda said.
"We finally get a close one, we needed this one bad
just to stay alive."

The Mavs had the first possession of the game, but fumbled on an option play at the Mules' 23 yard line. Central Missouri then drove down field where Czerniewski hit DeMarco Cosby with a two-yard pass. The extra point failed, and Central Missouri led 6-0.

The Mules went up 12-0 after a one-yard rush by Czerniewski for a touchdown, but once again, the extra point failed. The score capped a 10-play, 77-yard drive.

UNO responded by punching in a touchdown on a 7-yard run by John McCardle to make it 12-7 early in the second period. UNO's offense rolled as it went 65 yards on just seven plays.

The UNO defense stepped up by forcing the Mules into a three-and-out on their next possession. Central Missouri punter Jordan Hofer gave the Mavs decent field possession as he floated the ball to the 48 yard line. Only five plays later, Miller found Brian McNeill with a 22-yard touchdown pass to put UNO up 14-12.

"We just kept on plugging away and finally got some bounces to go our way," Miller said. "The defense played great and came up with big stops."

The UNO defense kept the pressure on Central Missouri by forcing a fumble deep in the Mules' territory. Three plays later, Miller forced his way in from one yard out to increase the UNO lead to 21-12.

Late in the half, the tide appeared to be turning as Central Missouri recovered the ball after their punt bounced off the turf and hit a UNO player. The Mules started on the UNO 45 yard line and quickly scored after Czerniewski ran 9 yards for the touchdown to make it 21-19 UNO at the half.

The Mules rolled with that momentum into the second half.

After a 62-yard pass from Czerniewski to Tim Richmond, running back Glenn Milner forced his way in from 2 yards out to give Central Missouri the 26-21 lead.

Later in the third period, Czerniewski connected with Richmond for a 40-yard touchdown pass to make it 33-21.

Playing in their third homecoming road game of the season, the Mavs weren't going down as easy as a typical homecoming opponent.

Miller marched the Mavs down field and bullied in a 1-yard quarterback keeper to cap a 52-yard drive and claw UNO within 33-28 on the last play of the third quarter.

Miller ran for three touchdowns and threw for another, as he accounted for 317 of UNO's 443 yards of offense, including a season high 252 passing. He was 17-for-19 through the air with no interceptions.

McNeill finished with 89 yards rushing on 21 carries and three catches for 46 yards and a touchdown.

Czerniewski finished with a season-high 333 yards passing and two rushing touchdowns. He completed 21-of-39 with two touchdowns and one interception.

UNO had a narrow 443-436 advantage in yards as the teams combined for over 800 yards of total offense.

"We knew it was a big game coming into it,"
Janda said. "We knew they had a high powered
offense and a good team."

The Mavs return home for their final regular season home game when Fort Hays State (2-7, 1-6 MIAA) visits Saturday at 1 p.m.



Top Right - Chris Senkbile (center) gets mobbed by his teammates after scooping up a Central Missouri fumble during the second quarter of Saturday's game in Warrensburg, Mo. Top Left - Steve Janda leaps to deflect the ball as Reed Taylor defends Central Missouri's Tim Richmond during Saturday's game.

Middle - John McCardle spins out of a tackle and into the end zone to score a second-quarter touchdown for the Mavs during Saturday's game against Central Missouri. Bottom - Jacob Chandler (No. 9) and Zach Miller (No. 15) celebrate UNO's last minute 38-33 win over No. 18 Central Missouri on Saturday in Warrensburg, Mo. Looking on is Kelvin Nesbit (No. 82).

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Mays look to continue streak this Soccer team nationally ranked week against top MIAA schools following last weekend's split

SCOTT STEWART EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Maverick volleyball team picked up two home wins this weekend to start a three-game winning streak they hope to continue with Wednesday's home contest against Washburn.

UNO stands fifth in the field of 11 Mid- set. America Intercollegiate Athletic Association teams, climbing above No. 15 Pittsburg State both teams trading points. The Bulldogs

3-2 (25-20, 25-21, 24-26, 23-25, 15-12) on Friday and sweeping Southwest Baptist 3-0 (25-13, 26-24, 25-14) on Saturday. The Mays stand even at 12-12 overall, with an 8-5 edge in the MIAA.

Taking the court Friday, UNO started out strong, building a two set advantage over the Gorillas, holding them to a .000 hitting percentage in the second set. Pittsburgh State rallied, however, holding the Mays to a .061 hitting percentage

in the third set and .118 in the fourth. The teams were dead even in the fifth a 12-12 deadlock by winning three straight points to win the match after two attack errors by the Gorillas and a final kill by Sara Kampschnieder to end the contest.

KampschniederjoinedfellowjuniorsKelli Goeser and Ellen Thommes for a combined 50 kills on the night. Kampschnieder also recorded her seven double-double of the year with a match-high 19 kills with 14 digs.

Freshman setter Emily Myers handed out 52 assists on the night, including the winning assist to Kampschnieder on the match point. With 13 digs, Myers recorded a team-leading eighth double-double of the year.

Saturday's match against Southwest Baptist proved to be considerably less dramatic than the previous evening's game. The match began relatively evenly until UNO broke away in the second half of the soccer team stands in third place in the first set, allowing only three points while Mid-America Intercollegiate going from 11-10 to 25-13 to win the first Athletic Association and has

The second set was much closer, with at No. 23.

fought their way to a set forced a change of venue point with 22-24, which was from the UNO Soccer Field answered by kills from Ellen to Creighton's Morrison and Kampschnieder to make Stadium, the Mavericks it 24-24.

Southwest Baptist's Kinsey a 1-0 shutout of Northwest Palmer made the difference, Missouri over the weekend. after being followed up by a Kampschnieder kill of the pitch and held steady a Myers assist for a 26-24 against the Lady Blues for second set. The third set the first 70 minutes of the mirrored the first, with the match. score progressing from 13-10 to 25-14 for a definite Maverick Ayala then scored against

victory.

SARA KAMPSCHNIEDER

On the night, Myers recorded her Fox at the 70:34 mark with set, trading points until UNO pulled out of ninth double-double with 34 assists and 11 an unassisted goal off a free digs. UNO's defense also shined, holding kick. Ayala went on to score the Bulldogs to a .030 overall hitting a second goal in the 77th minute off a loose percentage.

The Mavericks next take the court difference for UNO. against Washburn on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at second in the MIAA, with a conference record of 11-2, and also holds a No. 7 national ranking and No. 5 South Central Region ranking.

After Washburn, UNO will travel on only 10 shots and Washburn only seven. Nov. 1 to face No. 9 Emporia State, which currently leads both the MIAA and South on Saturday against the Bearcats, with Central Region. The next day, the Mavs will face Fort Hays State on the road.

SCOTT STEWART EDITOR IN CHIEF

With three games left to go, UNO's

returned to national ranking

After wet weather dropped a game 2-1 to An attack error by Washburn but held steady for

Thursday, UNO took

Washburn's Danielle Maverick goalkeeper Lauren

ball after a free kick to make it a two-point

Mykala Hanson's goal in the final in the Sapp Fieldhouse. Washburn stands minutes of the game, coming off a cross to the middle of the box by Lindsey Nealon, was not enough to catch up to the Lady Blues. Thursday's contest was a low-shooting game for both teams, with UNO attempting

> The Mavericks took the pitch again freshman Melanie Petersen's first career goal in the 53rd minute making the

difference. Petersen's unassisted goal came after she stole the ball from a defender inside the goal box and beat Northwest Missouri goalkeeper Kira Lazenby.



Freshman midfielder Danielle Cheney slides under Emporia's Lauren Cathey in previous action this season. (VALERIE LOSEKE/

UNO's defense held the Bearcats to an impressive four shots, all of which came in the second half. Maverick goalkeeper Elizabeth Odorisio, a junior transfer student, made her first start in goal this season, earning her first career win as a Maverick.

The Mavs will take their final road trip of the regular season this week when they travel to Joplin, Mo., to face Missouri Southern at 7 p.m. on Oct. 30. UNO then has just two more home contests - Nov. 6 against Southwest Baptist and Nov. 8 against No. 6 Central Missouri - left in the regular season.

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OPINION

Moving Nebraska past race issue Rights violated by campaigns

Dayton Headlee

Deal With It

This fall Nebraskans will vote on a constitutional amendment that reads: "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation opportunity to get a better grasp of the

of public employment, public education or public contracting."

Sounds like a good deal, right? I'd be willing to bet that pretty much everyone at UNO would agree that giving "preferential treatment" to individuals based on race or sex or ethnicity is wrong and wreaks of racism. If this wording sounds familiar, you've probably heard it before: it's taken directly from the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

constitutional amendment, referred to as who dare oppose them as a racist. the Nebraska Civil Rights Initiative. The university we pay tuition to, and residents of our state pay taxes to, has decided to lobby against a measure with no major effect on the university.

On the ballot, it will be labeled as Initiative 424. Opponents claim it will outlaw affirmative action. In reality it will move our state in to a more color-blind society, one where individuals are judged on merit and qualifications, rather than their skin color or gender.

Why would the university system react so abrasively to a measure as simple as this? They and their brethren groups such as Nebraskans United claim it will lead to a decline in "diversity" and usher in a wave of "unintended consequences." Additionally, they say the ballot initiative seeks to prey on "racial prejudices." These are, of course, nothing more than scare tactics.

Initiatives similar to the NCRI have easily passed in three states: California, Washington and Michigan. If you haven't noticed, the sky hasn't fallen on any of these states. California was the first state to do away

with affirmative action in 1996. In the dozen years since it has passed, the Golden State has not seen a significant drop in minority enrollment in their university system.

The UNO community had a unique

issue this past spring when a group of College Republicans brought Ward Connerly to UNO (at no cost to UNO, by the way). Instead of an intellectual discussion about the issues and how the NCRI would affect Nebraska, those in opposition relentlessly heckled him. A great opportunity was wasted.

This is a common thread among those guarding the bastion that is affirmative action. They don't want to have an

Yet in this year, 2008, the University of intelligent discussion regarding race. Instead Nebraska system vehemently opposes this they prefer to lob epitaphs and discredit any

> Following the Connerly event (which I emceed), I was told that I "can't understand affirmative action because you're a white

This individual's thought represents the reason that affirmative action needs to be

Did this person know that I qualify for many affirmative action programs because a genetic condition causes me to be permanently legally blind? Do they know that due to my family's economic status - my mom is a single parent and a public school teacher - I also qualify for some other affirmative action programs?

They can't know this because they're judging books by their covers in the same manner as a bigot does when he makes prejudicial comments.

Nebraska needs to move beyond race and gender. A vote for Initiative 424 will help that cause.

Sick and Tired

Bob Vacanti.

As Americans count the days until the Nov. 4 elections, various tactics used by both campaigns have been less than ideal.

On one hand, you have McCain questioning Obama's association with Acorn or Bill Ayers, a professor connected with a radical protest group in the early

On the other hand, you have Obama reminding voters about McCain's involvement in the Keating Five scandal during the Savings and Loan Crisis.

Campaign rhetoric - like McCain's use of "disrespectful," "dishonorable" and "dangerous," or Obama's "erratic," "angry" and "sleazy" - has been tossed back and forth on the trail and in ads.

Many voters realize by now that any hope for something more than "politics as usual" has been trampled on by both parties on the road to the White House.

These contentious actions have been made clear by both parties and the media, but I would like to address something they have seldom covered. Constitutional rights of many Americans were violated during various political events, including censorship and unjust arrests.

The American Civil Liberties Union released a statement condemning the arrest and treatment of several protesters at the Democratic National Convention, attorneys.

of the Brown Palace Hotel and charged

with trespassing, interference and failure to follow a lawful order.

During the Republican National Convention, more than 300 protesters

> pedestrians and detained on a bridge during a demonstration while a multitude of arrests were made, according to ABC News. Members of the press, such as Amy Goodman "Democracy Now" and two of her colleagues, were arrested and physically mishandled, according to the Washington Post.

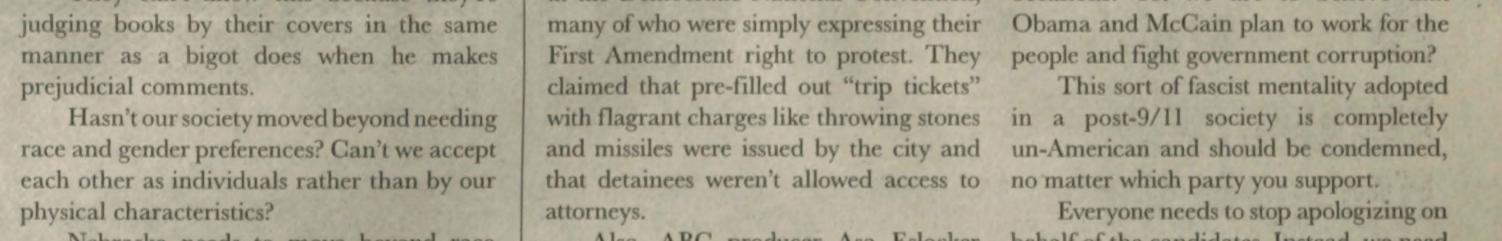
Similar injustices were caught on video

during both candidates' rallies. At a park across the street from an Obama rally, a man was arrested because police saw a firearm he was legally qualified to carry, which enraged Second Amendment supporters vehemently. At a McCain rally, an elderly librarian was removed from public property and ticketed simply for holding "Bush=McCain" sign.

These incidences are just some of the unacceptable acts committed against Americans during this election season. Few are briefly mentioned and most are ignored by the mainstream media altogether, which is a travesty to anyone who still desires to protect their "inalienable" rights.

The candidates, their campaigns and the national parties have refused to acknowledge such misconduct on several occasions. Yet we are to believe that

Everyone needs to stop apologizing on behalf of the candidates. Instead, we need to demand apologies and real change from politicians and law enforcement alike.



Also, ABC producer Asa Eslocker was arrested on a public sidewalk outside

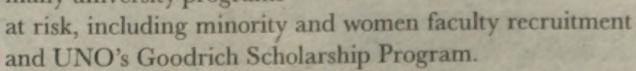
Affirmative action ban would be bad public policy

Barack Obama or John McCain: That's the question on the fore of most American voters this election season, including many here in Nebraska.

While that decision is one of the most important ones on the ballot this election, it's far from the only one that should

concern UNO students going to the polls. One issue in particular that voters should be paying attention to is Initiative

Initiative 424 is supported by the Nebraska Civil Rights Initiative and, essentially, seeks to ban affirmative action including programs, some in operation at the University of Nebraska. According to the NU Regents, Board Initiative 424 could put many university programs



The regents, in a resolution opposing the petition effort that created Initiative 424, said the initiative "is not good public policy and may result in elimination of existing lawful measures employed by the University in furtherance of the Board's commitment to diversity." I agree with the regents on this one.

First, the initiative is irresponsibility worded to create ambiguity. If passed; it invites lawsuits and is unclear in the scope of its impact.

Jeff Hall, a senior at UNL and columnist for the Daily Nebraskan, has already successfully won a suit over the initiative's poor language. "I am not happy with the language, but I am glad that it is legally knowledgeable that it is misleading," Hall told the Daily Nebraskan in September.

Second, the initiative would eliminate programs that, while perhaps not optimal, do a lot of good. It offers absolutely nothing to replace those programs.

Many who support Initiative 424 point to a desire to replace race-based affirmative action with socioeconomic-based affirmative action. That's not what this initiative does, though. It does nothing positive - it only prohibits effective, responsible, enlightened public policies that currently exist.

If opponents of affirmative action want to move to a system more concerned with social class rather than race, I'm supportive of such an effort. It should be done gradually, however, with replacement programs implemented before effective ones are banned.

Third, the initiative has questionable origins. It's supported by California businessman Ward Connerly, the founder of the American Civil Rights Initiative.

The entire effort is being funded predominately from

out-of-state interests. Initiative 424 is not a Nebraska ballot initiative. The initiative is funded by special interest groups that know nothing of Nebraska values, Nebraska policies, Nebraska institutions or Nebraska law.

The initiative's supporters have also used nefarious techniques to push their views onto the ballot, regardless of what the public thinks about it.

Another lawsuit by Hall is challenging the validity of petition signatures collected - or rather paid for, at a rate of \$1 to \$1.50 per signature promised to volunteers - by National Ballot Access, a group paid to get the initiative on the ballot. Allegations of deception and fraud have been made against the effort.

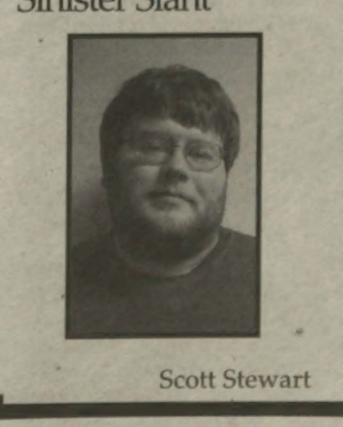
Finally, the initiative has drawn condemnation from many of Nebraska's respected citizens and institutions under Nebraskans United. It's been opined against by the editorial boards of both Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star.

Organizations opposed to it include the American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska, the Midlands Bar Association, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and the Urban League of Nebraska. This broad spectrum of opposition to the initiative shows that Nebraska's leadership thinks Initiative 424 is bad policy, and for good reason.

The proposal is dangerous. It's irresponsible. It's ambiguous. It's deceptive. And it's certainly not what Nebraska wants or needs.

Now it's up to the voters to affirm their rejection of this terrible proposal. I certainly hope they do.





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FROM IDENTITY: PAGE 1

stealing.

Although Georgi provided a plethora of tips on how to prevent identity theft, West said he wouldn't change much about his daily life because of it.

"I'm pretty careful as it is," West said. Being careful was exactly what Georgi was advising. He said to "limit the amount of information you put out there to keep you physically safer."

FROM HAUNTCERT: PAGE 3

Junior clarinet player Tyler Goudlock said the musical selections for the evening are all "sci-fi" themed. The concert will feature Holst's "Mars," John Williams' "Star Wars Medley" and works from Mozart.

There will also be a piece played that was written by UNO professor Kenton Bales, titled "Stars" that is based on a Finnish folk piece called "Stars in the Sky," Garcia said.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. in the

Strauss Performing Arts Center's Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for non-UNO students and seniors and free for those with a MavCard. For tickets or more information, call 554-3427.

"People should come because music is an art form that happens in time," Garcia said. "When you see it live you'll be fortunate to know it'll never happen this exact way again."

FROM HEALTH CARE: PAGE 1

Kerrey, on the other hand, put forth a plan to remove health care eligibility requirements such as employment. A broader range of people would be covered based on minimum qualifications that would make the system simpler.

"Coverage of every American with some kind of insurance has to be part of the solution," Kerrey said.

The first event of the new discussion series had low attendance - only four people, including the moderator. The intimate environment, however, led to more diverse conversations with each person getting a chance to voice opinions.

"It has to be a mammoth effort like putting a man on the moon," said Mark

Witty, a local optometrist, in reference to the health care crisis. Witty said he attended the event because he's "an info geek" and is interested in the conversation surrounding the health care system.

Most participants were in their 50s or older, which is the target audience of the Lifelong Learning Initiative.

The initiative was created because UNO is a publicly funded university and wants to give opportunities to people of all ages, said Lyn Holley, an assistant professor of gerontology.

Seniors can take classes taught by UNO instructors for as little as \$25, Holley said. The intent is to fight ageism and get older generations more active and involved.

FROM SENATE: PAGE 1

not being implemented.

"I'm really flexible," Davis said before being confirmed. "Wherever I need to be, I'll jump in on that. I just want to make sure to finish everything that's started."

One of the first tasks Davis will participate in involves taking a closer look at the Student Government's bylaws and operating procedures to increase its efficiency.

Senators approved a resolution to hold six meetings to fine-tune the organization's internal policies. The meetings are open to UNO students who want to provide input on how Student Government operates.

The meetings are scheduled on Thursdays

at 5 p.m. on Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20 and Dec. 4. Because of Thanksgiving, the fifth meeting will take place on Nov. 25 at noon. All the meetings will be held in the Student Government offices on the first floor of the Milo Bail Student Center.

In other action, senators approved sophomore Sen. Megan Schmitz's appointment as Student Relations Committee chairwoman and senior Sen. Nathan Kirkland's appointment as Budget Committee chairman. Both are executive board members of Maverick Productions.

The next Student Senate meeting will take place Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center's Nebraska Room.

FROM DISORDER: PAGE 2

"There's a lot of talk about body looks on campus," Young said. "Eating disorders are often linked to unrealistic characterizations of beauty."

She said students are encouraged sit in on the event and learn about these disorders. Some tend to be more reserved and are not readily open to talk about these disorders.

"We haven't gotten to that place in culture or society," Young said, "where everyone feels comfortable addressing eating disorder issues. A lot of women in particular have problems with food."

The main objective of the event is not to give away food - a common staple of campus events - but to offer food for thought. Young said she hopes that if students or faculty walk away with anything, it should be that eating disorders have little to do with what we eat and more to do with how we think.

"Eating disorders are not about food. They are about the way a person can control their body," Young said. "They use food as a weapon."

FROM PROTEST: PAGE 2

that occurred in America," Balart said. Some Native Americans don't care about protesting Halloween costumes because of diminished cultural identity.

Inpart, the intent behind the demonstration was to enlighten people to the injustices of the past and present. The Inter-Tribal Student Council is protesting "to educate people, to make them aware of what the problem is, so they're not so ignorant," Balralt said.

Some people defend wearing the costumes by pointing out that Halloween costumes shouldn't be taken seriously, and that freedom of speech guarantees a person's right to wear whatever they want. Balralt recognized that freedom of speech is important, especially when protesting something, but that "there comes a point where you cross the line; you went too far."

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